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MEETING OF THE OGDEN RIVER WATER RIGHTS ASSOCIATION HELD JANUARY 14, 1964, AT  
4 P.M., IN THE COMMISSIONERS BOARD ROOM, OGDEN CITY MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Present were:

Keith Higginson  
Richard R. Pexton  
Don Norsett  
Jim Ward  
E. H. Southwick  
E. J. Fjeldsted  
Jack Jones  
Clarence Smith  
Keith Jensen  
Clarence Hislop  
Haynes Fuller  
James N. Randall  
Horace Rhees  
15 water users

Absent:

Delbert F. Hodson  
F. Gerald Irvine

Mr. Don Norsett of the State Engineers office opened the meeting stating this would serve as the regular meeting for the Ogden River Water Rights Association and the users generally, with the representatives of the State Engineer's Office. He welcomed those present and urged that they participate in the discussions of the hearing.

Mr. Norsett then turned the meeting over to Mr. E. H. Southwick, who extended his greetings to the members present and stated emphatically the mission of the Ogden River Water Rights Assoc. and its board of directors, which is set apart to doing service for all water users on the Ogden River, and requested that any problems that may arise should be brought to the attention of the Association, assuring the users that the association would give immediate attention to their problems and assist in every way possible to solve such a problem. He then requested the Secretary to read the call of the meeting, which listed the following matters to be considered:

Annual financial report of the Ogden River  
Distribution System

Statement of detailed accounts and a breakdown of items.

An opportunity to voice some of the users' problems confronting the Ogden River Distribution System.

The Secretary then presented the Financial statement and the proposed 1964 budget as follows:

Financial Statement  
----- 1963 -----

Bank Balance 1-1-63

Directors expenses

John Jones

Haynes Fuller

Clarence Smith

James N. Randall

Delbert F. Hodson

Horace Rhees

Clarence L. Hislop

E. J. Fjeldsted

Keith Jensen

\$432.62

\$30.80

24.80

24.32

22.24

10.20

22.72

22.72

20.76

12.16



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Hotel Ben Lomond	21.33	
Legal Counsel	100.00	
State Engineer	432.62	
Bank Service Charges	1.89	
Receipts		\$870.00
Balance December 31, 1963		<u>\$555.06</u>

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Beginning Balance - December 31, 1962		\$432.62
Disbursements from 12-31-62 to 12-31-63	\$747.56	
Rec. from 12-31-62 to 12-31-63	870.00	
Balance December 31, 1963		<u>\$555.06</u>

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Proposed Budget for 1964

Commissioners Salary *	\$2,700.00
Matching Social Security	98.78
Retirement	108.00
Travel Expense	680.00
Bonds and insurance premiums	50.00
Miscellaneous expense	75.00
Water users committee expense **	475.00
Commissioners Annual Report	<u>150.00</u>
	\$4,336.78

\* Commissioners Salary:

Month	Salary	Expense
April	\$225	\$ 50
May	450	100
June	450	120
July	450	120
Aug.	450	120
Sept.	450	120
Oct.	225	50
	<u>\$2,700</u>	<u>\$680</u>

\*\* Water Users Committee:

Legal Counsel	\$200.00
Office Expense	25.00
Committee Expense	<u>250.00</u>
	\$475.00

Transfer from the Ogden River Distribution System  
check book balance \$364.47  
Balance to be secured by assessment \$3,972.31

A motion was made by Clarence Smith and seconded by Clarence Hislop that the financial report of the association's operations and the proposed budget for the operation of 1964, as submitted, be approved and recommended to the State Engineer for his acceptance covering the 1963 operation and the proposed 1964 operations. Motion carried.

Following this report the minutes of January 8, 1963 were read and approved. Thereupon the chairman requested Mr. Pexton to review the financial statement of the operation of the system for 1963. Mr. Pexton reviewed the following:

1963 OGDEN RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

A. Checkbook balance	\$1,540.04
1. Beginning of year	969.09
2. End of year	<u>1,540.04</u>
3. Change during year	+\$570.95



B. Receipts and expenditures

1. Receipts

(a) Ogden River Water Users	\$ 432.62
(b) Regular assessments	4,740.47
(c) Special collections	30.51
(d) Total	\$5,203.60

2. Expenditures (see below)

4,632.65

3. Difference between receipts & expenditures

+\$570.95

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1963 Budget item No.	Description of item	Amount Approved for 1963	Total expenditures
1.	Commissioner's salary	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00
1-C	Matching Social Security	97.88	97.87
1-F	Matching State Retirement	108.00	108.00
2.	Travel Expense	680.00	680.00
3.	Bonds & Insurance Premiums	50.00	36.06
4.	Water Users Committee Expense	870.00	870.00
5.	Commissioner's Annual Report (1962)	150.00	130.40
6.	Miscellaneous Expense	75.90	10.32
TOTAL 1963 BUDGET		\$4,731.78	\$4,632.65

1963 DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS (as of December 31, 1963)  
 OGDEN RIVER  
 DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Name & address	Acc't No.	Total Due
Farr Enoch Ditch Co. c/o G. W. Crosby Ogden News Co. 1087 12th Street - Ogden, Utah	12	\$1.00
Felt Peterson & Slater Water Co. c/o B. Wangsgard Huntsville, Utah	15	\$2.01
R. F. Holmes Eden, Utah	19	\$2.43
Huntsville So. Bench Canal Co. c/o Louis E. Buhrley, Sec'y Box 234, Huntsville, Utah	21	\$4.42
Total		\$9.86



Following Mr. Paxton's report the Chairman, E. H. Southwick, made a recommendation to the State Engineer that Mr. Floyd Barnett be appointed as commissioner of the Ogden River for 1964. A motion was made by Haynes Fuller and seconded by Clarence Smith that we recommend to the State Engineer that Floyd Barnett succeed himself as the river commissioner for the Ogden River for 1964. Motion carried.

Chairman Southwick then requested Floyd Barnett to make what observations he cared to make with reference to operations of the Ogden River. Commissioner Barnett stated the water supply for 1963 was excellent. The supply for 1964 has the advantage of considerable carry-over storage in Pineview particularly. He stated the major portion of the heavy carry-over was to the credit of the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District, but the total amount in the reservoir gives a fairly good assurance of a good and sufficient yield. He stated the Weber Basin Project had more water in the reservoir at this time than they have ever drawn from the reservoir in any one year. He made it plain that due to the considerable bank storage in the Pineview reservoir all rights and demands were filled 100%, the loss being taken care of by bank storage.

Mr. Barnett felt there should be better and more efficient methods of measuring the discharge of water at the tail race of the power company, and also there should be a better plan of controlling the river at the mouth of the canyon that would give an opportunity for more accurate measurement of the water at this point and its various ownerships. He urged that something be done about these two matters.

Mr. Barnett also stated that through the efforts of the association many wells pumping directly from the Ogden River below Pineview Dam had purchased water which is being released constantly out of the dam, yet there are some users who do not now purchase the water that they take from the river.

He expressed his appreciation for the cooperation extended him this year and explained again to the group the held that had been received by individuals and the rights association in clearing up a bad situation on Mill Creek.

Mr. Barnett stated he was willing to accept the challenge and serve as commissioner for 1964 if the State Engineer sees fit to reappoint him.

Chairman Southwick then expressed the appreciation of the association for the work done over the years by the retiring chairman, Mr. Jack Jones. He also complimented Floyd Barnett on his report and recognized the importance of the two problems he explained at this meeting.

Secretary Fjeldsted stated that the Weber Basin Project had been successful in selling water to practically all of the users who pump directly out of the river, except those who are living on leased ground owned by the Power and Light Co. The power company will not permit them to place a tax lien upon the property which would underwrite the payment of the water charges. The District is trying to work out some sort of contract that will cover these provisions and if and when that is accepted he felt sure all the pumpers from the river would buy this water.

The meeting was then turned back to Mr. Norsett, who complimented Jack Jones on his long interest in the water resources of the Ogden River and stated to Mr. Barnett that the State Engineer's Office would carefully review the two major problems he brought forth, namely (1) better measurements of the tail race of the Power Co. and (2) better control of the river at the mouth of Ogden Canyon.



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With reference to the request from the association about dispatching to the association the amount set aside for the committee's use in the operating budget, Mr. Norsett was sure some program could be work out and it would be done and reported within 30 days.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. FJELDSTED, Secretary